



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

2PX50U Självständigt arbete i polisiärt arbete, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Essay in police work, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Police Work

Subject Group

Other Subjects within Social Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G2F

Date of Ratification

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2021

Prerequisites

A minimum of 70 credits of first-cycle studies in Police Work.

Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students shall be able to:

- plan and carry out a written degree project,
- in writing, analyse and discuss a police intervention on the basis of perspectives relevant to the main field of study,
- critically examine the written study of another student as well as defend their own study.

Content

The course begins with academic writing and scientific methods for literature review and register data.

The students shall, with supervision, write a degree project based on a police intervention, which is assigned by the course coordinator. The case shall be analysed and discussed based on the following perspectives:

- the legal basis of the intervention
- relevant research into the field of society and behavioural science
- the assignment of the police in society, with the emphasis on crime prevention and security promoting measures
- ethical approach.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars and supervision.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Examination of the course objectives takes place by means of a written degree project (assessed by the grades of Fail, Pass or Pass with Distinction) and participation in a following public discussion and examination seminar.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, the course objectives must be attained. To be awarded a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, the student shall demonstrate advanced reasoning and analyses on the key issues of the assignment as well as carry out the task as student reviewer in the discussion and examination seminar with approved results.

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Methodology literature relevant to writing studies within the field of social sciences, at the first-cycle level, to be selected in consultation with the supervisor.

Course literature and/or scientific publications comprising approximately 800 pages, to be selected in consultation with the supervisor depending on the student's choice of subject and orientation.

Works of Reference

Andersen Øyen, Simen & Solheim, Birger. (2015). *Akademiskt skrivande – en skrivhandledning*. Malmö: Gleerups. (99 p.) ISBN: 9789140687999.

Blomström, Vendela & Wennerberg, Jeanna. (2015). *Akademiskt läsande och skrivande*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. (202 p.) ISBN: 9789144092546.